

EFFECTIVE

November 1, 2021.

Subject(s)**Assessments**

1. Risk Assessment.
2. Family Assessment of Needs and Strengths (FANS).
3. Child Assessment of Needs and Strengths (CANS).
4. General editing.

**1) Risk
Assessment****Language Clarification**

The word investigation replaces the word complaint in N2 and A2 to reflect that caseworkers should only count the number of prior assigned confirmed or denied investigations for neglect or abuse in which any adult household member identified in the current investigation was an alleged perpetrator.

Reason: Clarification of the assessment tool design.

2) FANS**Linked to Foster Care Policy**

Definitions and detailed information regarding the FANS assessment was removed from PSM 713-11, Assessments and a link was added to [FOM 722-09A, Family Assessment of Needs and Strengths](#) in an effort to streamline policy.

Reason: Streamline child welfare policy.

3) CANS**Linked to Foster Care Policy**

Assessment domains, scoring, definitions and milestones used for completion of the CANS were removed from PSM 713-11, Assessment and a link was added to [FOM 722-09, Child Assessment of Needs and Strengths](#) in an effort to streamline policy.

Reason: Streamline child welfare policy.

4) General Editing

Minor changes and corrections were made to wording and formatting. Language specific to MiSACWIS was removed and changed to electronic record.

**MANUAL
MAINTENANCE
INSTRUCTIONS**

Changed Items ...

[PSM 713-11](#)